



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **CITY OF SOUTH BEND ISSUES RESIDENTIAL PARKING GUIDELINES FOR SECOND NOTRE DAME HOME GAME**

The City of South Bend today issued information for residents and visitors to the City concerning parking on Saturday, September 22, 2007 for Notre Dame's second 2007 home football game. Current City law prohibits parking in front yards in residential neighborhoods, but the South Bend Common Council has pending a bill which would allow front-yard parking on game days and for certain other major events with specific terms and conditions. While that proposed ordinance is pending before the Common Council, the City has elected to limit its parking enforcement.

As the City did before the first home game of 2007, the City's Legal Department issued Parking Guidelines, a copy of this is provided with this release. Mayor Luecke welcomed visitors to the community for start of Notre Dame's football season, but urged residents and visitors to be respectful of those living in South Bend's residential neighborhoods. This message is reiterated again, as South Bend welcomes fans for this weekend's game.

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## **CITY OF SOUTH BEND**

### **FRONT-YARD PARKING GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines are issued to assist residents and visitors to the City of South Bend, on Saturday, September 22, 2007, understand enforcement by the City of South Bend of various provisions of the South Bend Municipal Code relating to parking in residential neighborhoods.

The South Bend Common Council currently has under consideration Bill 44-07 which would allow front yard parking in residential neighborhoods under certain conditions. That bill will not be considered by the Council until its meeting of September 24, 2007. All versions of that bill to date have provided for front yard parking during game days under certain conditions. Therefore, on Saturday, September 22, 2007, the City of South Bend will not prohibit parking in front yards in residential neighborhoods.

However, in order to ensure the safety of the general public, the City will continue to enforce its Municipal Code in the following circumstances:

1. Parking which blocks or hinders access by public safety vehicles on all public streets and rights of way.
2. Parking which blocks or impedes access to sidewalks, fire hydrants, and driveways.
3. Driving over curbs and sidewalks, other than on a paved driveway.

Residents and visitors are reminded to be respectful of neighboring property when parking and walking through neighborhoods.

**For more information please contact: South Bend Legal Department, 235-9241.**